**Deteriorating conditions of labourers in unorganised sectror**

†1814. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees working under the organized and unorganized sectors, separately;

(b) whether Government have assessed the constantly deteriorating working conditions of labourers in unorganized sector; and

(c) if so, what measures are being taken to improve the conditions of labourers of unorganized sector under the current scheme?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) Estimated employments in organised and unorganised sector during 1999-2000 were of the order of 2.8 crore and 36.9 crore respectively.

(b) and (c) The Government carries out surveys on the working and living conditions of unorganised sector workers in selected industries/ occupations from time to time. The Government has taken several steps to improve the lot of the unorganised workers. The Government has set up five welfare funds to provide social security to the specified unorganised workers such as beedi workers, cine workers and certains non-coal mine workers to provide healthcare, housing, educational assistance for children, drinking water etc. These schemes are in addition to the poverty alleviation schemes/employment generation programmes being implemented by the Government. The Janshree Bima Yojana provide life insurance protection to the rural and urban poor persons including unorganised workers who are below and marginally above poverty line. Recently, the Government has launched Universal Health Insurance Scheme and Varishath Pension Bima Yojana, which will amongst others cover the unorganized workers also. Further, social protection to the unorganized workers is also available under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP).

**Disbursement of fund from EPF**

†1815. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that profit is made by disbursement of funds from EPF through different means;

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